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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YUEH ET AL.

Examiner

John S. Chu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the application filed January 21, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by ROESCHERT et al (5,302,488) or WEST et al (5,705,308).

The claimed invention is drawn to the following:

1. A method comprising:
forming a photoresist by attaching a photoactive compound to a polymer backbone.
9. A photoresist comprising:
a polymer backbone; and
a photoactive compound attached to said backbone.

ROESCHERT et al '488 discloses a positive photoresist composition comprising a radiation sensitive polymer binder of poly(4-hydroxy)styrene and 3-methyl-4-hydroxystyrene, see Example 1 in column 12, line 63 – column 13, line 35. This disclosed example anticipates

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the claimed invention as recited in claim 1 above for a method of attaching a photoactive compound to a polymer. For clarification, the disclosed naphthoquinone-2-diazide-4-sulfonyl side group recited in claim 1 is an alternative nomenclature for the claimed diazonaphthoquinone photoactive compound recited in claim 2.

WEST et al '308 discloses an photosensitive composition comprising a diazonaphthoquinone compound attached to poly(4-hydroxystyrene) for use in preparing lithographic printing plates, see Example 5 in column 8, line 65 – column 9, line 7. Here a conventionally positive working composition is processed in a manner to give a negative image wherein the composition is imagewise exposed to diode laser and subsequently flood expose with UV to give a negative pattern (areas exposed to the diode laser remain after development, which means a negative image is formed). The claimed method is anticipated wherein a photoresist composition is formed when the photosensitive poly(4-hydroxy)styrene is reacted with a naphthoquinone diazide sulfonyl chloride, thus giving a photosensitive or photoactive polymer.

3. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by ROESCHERT et al (5,326,826).

The claimed invention has been recited above and is included by reference.

ROESCHERT et al '826 discloses a radiation sensitive polymer containing a diazocarbonyl group as a photoactive group. The photoactive group is attached to a poly(3-methyl-4-hydroxystyrene) as seen in Example 1, column 16, line 35 – column 17, line 22. Here the reference meets the claimed invention by disclosing the presence of a photoactive group on a

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polymer. The photoactive group is not the diazonaphthoquinone compound as recited in claims 2, 6, 10, 15 and 18, but does meet the scope for the recited term photoactive in claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over OBERLANDER et al (5,866,295), McCULLOUGH et al (6,218,083) or ISHIZUKA et al (6,824,947).

The claimed invention has been recited above and is included by reference.

Each of the cited references in the current rejection disclose a photosensitive composition comprising a teaching which suggests to the skilled artisan the use of a polymer having a diazonaphthoquinone photoactive group chemically attached to a polymer backbone, see column 5, lines 46-48 in OBERLANDER et al '295, see column 5, lines 28-30 in McCULLOUGH et al '083 and see column 11, lines 52-56 in ISHIZUKA et al '947.

Each of the reference cited above lack the use of a polymer having a photoactive group attached at the backbone in a working example.

It would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of positive photoresist composition comprising an NQD to 1) select as the photoactive component a ballast

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compound of OBERLANDER et al having a quinonediazide photosensitive group attached to a polymer backbone of poly(4-hydroxystyrene), 2) select as the photoactive component a naphthoquinone diazide ester of poly(p-hydroxystyrene) of McCULLOUGH et al or 3) select the homopolymer or copolymer of p-hydroxystyrene esterified with 1,2-naphthoquinone-2-diazide-5-sulfonyl chloride with the reasonable expectation of same or similar results as recited in those references for superior wear resistance, high sensitivity and having wide exposure latitude.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Chu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

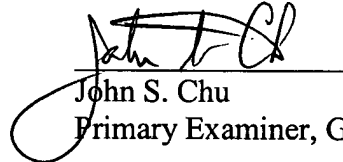
The fax phone number for the USPTO is (703) 872-9306.

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